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1  log using "D:\SkintoneOutput_ver3_clean.log", replace
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3  /*
4  Replication code and output for:
5
6  Devaraj, S., Quigley, N., and Patel, P.C. The Effects of Skin Tone, Height, and Gender on
  Objective Career Success. PLOS ONE.
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8  Data availability:
9  NLSY 1997 data has two versions - one version that is publicly available and the other with
  geocode information available through special request to the Bureau of Labor Statistics
  (BLS) in the US. We have used the latter version to control for location fixed-effects.
  Therefore we cannot publicly post the data, however, it is available from BLS upon request.
  All requests related to NLSY geocode data should be directed to: NLSYGeocode@bls.gov .
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11  Replication code:
12  To facilitate replication, we have uploaded the following on Harvard Dataverse:
13  (i) An end-to-end syntax file in Stata 15 for replication using NLSY 1997 data provided by
  the BLS to us on October 28, 2014 by Employment Research and Program Development Staff.
14  (ii) an end-to-end raw output file from the analysis completed in Stata 15.
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16  Devaraj, Srikant; Quigley, Narda R.; Patel, Pankaj C., 2017, "Replication files for "The
  Effects of Skin Tone, Height, and Gender on Earnings", doi:10.7910/DVN/XGNHSA, Harvard
  Dataverse,V1/2
17
18  */
19
20  use Finaldataset.dta
21
22  xtset PUBID_1997 year
23
24  by PUBID_1997: gen race_eth = KEY_RACE_ETHNICITY_[1]
25  count if race_eth ==.
26  gen color = skincolor
27  replace color=0 if race_eth ==4
28
29
30  by PUBID_1997 : gen gender = KEY_SEX_[1]
31  clonevar female = gender
32  recode female (1=0) (2=1)
33
34  gen male=female
35  recode male (0=1) (1=0)
36
37  gen white=.
38  replace white=1 if race_eth ==4
39  replace white=0 if race_eth !=4 & race_eth !=.
40
41  gen anyblack=.
42  replace anyblack=1 if race_eth==1
43  replace anyblack=0 if race_eth!=1 & race_eth !=.
44
45  gen lightblack=.
46  replace lightblack=1 if race_eth ==1 & (skincolor >=1 & skincolor <=5)
47  replace lightblack=0 if lightblack ==. & race_eth!=.
48
49  gen medblack=.
50  replace medblack=1 if race_eth ==1 & (skincolor >=6 & skincolor <=7)
51  replace medblack =0 if medblack==. & race_eth!=.
52
53  gen darkblack=.
54  replace darkblack=1 if race_eth ==1 & (skincolor >=8 & skincolor <=10)
55  replace darkblack=0 if darkblack ==. & race_eth!=.
56
57  clonevar totincome = YINC_1700_
58  gen lntotinc = ln(totincome+1)
59
60  gen cpiadj = .
61  replace cpiadj =1.40121 if year==1997
62  replace cpiadj =1.37987 if year==1998

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63  replace cpiadj =1.35025 if year==1999
64  replace cpiadj =1.30627 if year==2000
65  replace cpiadj =1.27049 if year==2001
66  replace cpiadj =1.25054 if year==2002
67  replace cpiadj =1.22244 if year==2003
68  replace cpiadj =1.19068 if year==2004
69  replace cpiadj =1.15191 if year==2005
70  replace cpiadj =1.11595 if year==2006
71  replace cpiadj =1.08481 if year==2007
72  replace cpiadj =1.04495 if year==2008
73  replace cpiadj =1.04831 if year==2009
74  replace cpiadj =1.03143 if year==2010
75  replace cpiadj =1 if year==2011
76
77  gen totincomeadj = totincome * cpiadj
78  gen lntotincadj = ln(totincomeadj +1)
79
80
81  clonevar heightfta=YSAQ_000A000001
82  egen heightft = rowtotal (YHEA_2050 YSAQ_000A_000001 YSAQ_000A000001), missing
83  recode heightft (-1=.) (-2=.) (-3=.) (-4=.) (-5=.)
84
85  egen heightinch = rowtotal (YHEA_2100 YSAQ_000A_000002 YSAQ_000A000002), missing
86  recode heightinch (-1=.) (-2=.) (-3=.) (-4=.) (-5=.)
87  gen height_in_inches = (heightft *12)+ heightinch
88
89  egen weightpd = rowtotal(YHEA_2200 YHEA_2300 YSAQ_000B)
90  recode weightpd (-5/-1=.) (999=.)
91
92  by PUBID_1997 : gen poverty1997 = CV_HH_POV_RATIO_[1]
93  recode poverty1997 (-1=.) (-2=.) (-3=.) (-4=.) (-5=.)
94  gen lnpoverty1997 = ln(poverty1997+1)
95
96
97  clonevar msa= CV_MSA_
98  recode msa (1=0) (2/4=1) (5=.) (-1=.) (-2=.) (-3=.) (-4=.) (-5=.)
99  label define msa1 0 "Not in MSA" 1 "In MSA"
100 label values msa msa1
101
102
103 clonevar age = CV_AGE_INT_DATE_
104 recode age (-5=.)
105
106 by PUBID_1997 : gen resid_mothereduc= CV_HGC_RES_MOM_[1]
107 recode resid_mothereduc (-4=.) (-3=.) (95=.)
108 gen mom_hsgrad = .
109 replace mom_hsgrad=1 if resid_mothereduc >=12 & resid_mothereduc !=.
110 replace mom_hsgrad=0 if resid_mothereduc <12 & resid_mothereduc !=.
111 rename mom_hsgrad resmom_hsgrad
112
113
114 by PUBID_1997 : gen resid_fathereduc= CV_HGC_RES_DAD_[1]
115 recode resid_fathereduc (-4=.) (-3=.) (95=.)
116 gen dad_hsgrad = .
117 replace dad_hsgrad=1 if resid_fathereduc >=12 & resid_fathereduc !=.
118 replace dad_hsgrad=0 if resid_fathereduc <12 & resid_fathereduc !=.
119 rename dad_hsgrad resdad_hsgrad
120
121 by PUBID_1997 : gen mothereduc= CV_HGC_BIO_MOM_[1]
122 recode mothereduc (-4=.) (-3=.) (95=.)
123 gen mom_hsgrad = .
124 replace mom_hsgrad=1 if mothereduc >=12 & mothereduc !=.
125 replace mom_hsgrad=0 if mothereduc <12 & mothereduc !=.
126
127 by PUBID_1997 : gen fathereduc= CV_HGC_BIO_DAD_[1]
128 recode fathereduc (-4=.) (-3=.) (95=.)
129 gen dad_hsgrad = .
130 replace dad_hsgrad=1 if fathereduc >=12 & fathereduc !=.
131 replace dad_hsgrad=0 if fathereduc <12 & fathereduc !=.
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133 gen biores_dad_hs = .
134 replace biores_dad_hs = 1 if (resdad_hsgrad==1 | dad_hsgrad==1)
135 replace biores_dad_hs = 0 if (resdad_hsgrad==0 & dad_hsgrad==0)|(resdad_hsgrad==. &
dad_hsgrad==0)|(resdad_hsgrad==0 & dad_hsgrad==.)
136
137 gen biores_mom_hs = .
138 replace biores_mom_hs = 1 if (resmom_hsgrad==1 | mom_hsgrad==1)
139 replace biores_mom_hs = 0 if (resmom_hsgrad==0 & mom_hsgrad==0)|(resmom_hsgrad==. &
mom_hsgrad==0)|(resmom_hsgrad==0 & mom_hsgrad==.)
140
141 merge 1:1 PUBID_1997 year using "D:\NLSY-Panel-1997-2011-v1-education.dta"
142
143 clonevar educ_hga = YSCH_2857_
144 clonevar educ_hgc = YSCH_3112_
145 recode educ_hga (-5=.) (-4=.) (-2=.) (-1=.) (95=.)
146 recode educ_hgc (-5=.) (-4=.) (-2=.) (-1=.) (95=.)
147 rename _merge _mergeeducation
148
149
150 by PUBID_1997 : gen educ_hgc2 = educ_hgc[11] if educ_hgc==.
151 egen educ_hgc3 = rowtotal (educ_hgc educ_hgc2), missing
152
153 gen hsgrad = .
154 replace hsgrad=1 if educ_hgc3>=12 & educ_hgc3!=.
155 replace hsgrad=0 if educ_hgc3<12 & educ_hgc3!=.
156
157
158 gen avgmaleht = 69.5 if female ==0
159 gen avgfemaleht = 64 if female ==1
160 gen deviation_ht_male = height_in_inches - avgmaleht if female ==0
161 gen deviation_ht_female = height_in_inches - avgfemaleht if female ==1
162 egen deviation_ht = rowtotal (deviation_ht_male deviation_ht_female ), missing
163
164
165 by PUBID_1997 : gen asvab_score= ASVAB_MATH_VERBAL_SCORE_PCT_[3]
166 recode asvab_score (-5=.) (-4=.) (-2=.) (-1=.)
167 gen lnasvab_score = ln(asvab_score +1)
168
169 gen fedminwage = .
170 replace fedminwage =5.15 if year>=1997 & year<2007
171 replace fedminwage =5.85 if year==2007
172 replace fedminwage =6.55 if year==2008
173 replace fedminwage =7.25 if year>2008
174 gen fedminwageadj = fedminwage * cpiadj
175
176 gen recession=.
177 replace recession =1 if year==2001
178 replace recession =1 if year==2008
179 replace recession =1 if year==2009
180 replace recession =0 if recession !=1
181
182
183 merge 1:1 PUBID_1997 year using "D:\Geocode-stateofresid-1997-2011.dta"
184
185 gen health = YHEA_100_
186 recode health (-1=.) (-2=.) (-3=.) (-4=.) (-5=.) (1=5) (2=4) (4=2) (5=1)
187
188 rename _merge _mergestateofresid
189 merge 1:1 PUBID_1997 year using "D:\NLSY-1997-2011-marital_spinc_children-panel.dta"
190 rename _merge _mergemaritalspincchild
191
192
193 /* Spousal income*/
194 clonevar totspincome = YINC_2600_
195 recode totspincome (-5=.) (-4=0) (-2=.) (-1=.)
196 gen totspincomeadj = totspincome * cpiadj
197 gen lntotspincadj = ln(totspincomeadj +1)
198
199 clonevar num_biochild=CV_BIO_CHILD_HH_
200 recode num_biochild (-5=.) (-4=.) (-3=.)

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201
202 clonevar marital_status = YMAR_620_
203 recode marital_status (-5=.) (-4=.) (-2=.) (-1=.)
204 tab marital_status, gen(marital)
205
206 clonevar occupation_code = YEMP_OCCCODE_2002_01_
207 recode occupation_code (-5=.) (-4=.) (-3=.)
208 recode occupation_code (10/430=1) (500/950=2) (1000/1240=3) (1300/1530=4) (1540/1560=5) (
1600/1760=6) (1800/1860=7) (1900/1960=8) (2000/2060=9) (2100/2150=10) (2200/2340=11) (2400/
2550=12) (2600/2760=13) (2800/2960=14) (3000/3260=15) (3300/3650=16) (3700/3950=17) (4000/
4160=18) (4200/4250=19) (4300/4430=20) (4460=21) (4500/4650=22) (4700/4960=23) (5000/5930=24
) (6000/6130=25) (6200/6940=26) (7000/7620=27) (7700/7750=28) (7800/7850=29) (7900/8960=30)
(9000/9750=31) (9800/9840=32) (9950/9990=33)
209
210 merge m:1 stateofresid year using "D:\state_median_income.dta"
211 rename _merge _merge_statehhinc
212 gen deviation_hhinc = totincomadj - statemedhhincadj
213
214 merge m:1 stateofresid year using "D:\state_shareofblack.dta"
215 rename _merge _merge_stateshareblack
216
217
218 *S1 Table. Pairwise Correlations and descriptive statistics*
219 summ lntotincadj age hsgrad health weightpd i.marital_status lnasvab_score lntotspincadj msa
    biores_dad_hs biores_mom_hs fedminwageadj recession white color deviation_ht female if
    race_eth !=2 & race_eth !=3 & lntotincadj !=. & color !=. & deviation_ht!=. & hsgrad !=. &
    health !=. & lnasvab_score !=. & lntotspincadj !=. & marital_status !=. & msa!=. &
    stateofresid !=. & occupation_code !=. & biores_dad_hs !=. & biores_mom_hs !=. & weightpd
    !=.
220 pwcorr lntotincadj age hsgrad health weightpd marital2 marital3 marital4 marital5
    lnasvab_score lntotspincadj msa biores_dad_hs biores_mom_hs fedminwageadj recession white
    color deviation_ht female if race_eth !=2 & race_eth !=3 & lntotincadj !=. & color !=. &
    deviation_ht!=. & hsgrad !=. & health !=. & lnasvab_score !=. & lntotspincadj !=. &
    marital_status !=. & msa!=. & stateofresid !=. & occupation_code !=. & biores_dad_hs !=.
    & biores_mom_hs !=. & weightpd!=., sig
221
222 * Table 1: Pooled OLS regression results*
223 * model 1
224 reg lntotincadj female white age hsgrad health weightpd i.marital_status lnasvab_score
    lntotspincadj msa biores_dad_hs biores_mom_hs fedminwageadj recession i.year i.state3 i.
    occupation_code if race_eth !=2 & race_eth !=3 & color!=. & deviation_ht!=. &
    stateofresid!=., robust
225
226 * model 2
227 reg lntotincadj color female white age hsgrad health weightpd i.marital_status
    lnasvab_score lntotspincadj msa biores_dad_hs biores_mom_hs fedminwageadj recession i.
    year i.state3 i.occupation_code if race_eth !=2 & race_eth !=3 & deviation_ht!=. &
    stateofresid!=., robust
228
229 * model 3
230 reg lntotincadj color deviation_ht female white age hsgrad health weightpd i.
    marital_status lnasvab_score lntotspincadj msa biores_dad_hs biores_mom_hs fedminwageadj
    recession i.year i.state3 i.occupation_code if race_eth !=2 & race_eth !=3 &
    stateofresid!=., robust
231
232 * model 4
233 reg lntotincadj c.color##c.deviation_ht female white age hsgrad health weightpd i.
    marital_status lnasvab_score lntotspincadj msa biores_dad_hs biores_mom_hs fedminwageadj
    recession i.year i.state3 i.occupation_code if race_eth !=2 & race_eth !=3 &
    stateofresid!=., robust
234
235 * model 5
236 reg lntotincadj c.color##c.deviation_ht##female white age hsgrad health weightpd i.
    marital_status lnasvab_score lntotspincadj msa biores_dad_hs biores_mom_hs fedminwageadj
    recession i.year i.state3 i.occupation_code if race_eth !=2 & race_eth !=3 &
    stateofresid!=., robust
237
238
239 * Table 2: Robustness Tests*
240 * deviation from state median household income as dependent variable

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241 reg deviation_hhinc c.color##c.deviation_ht##female white age hsgrad health weightpd i.
marital_status lnasvab_score lntotspincadj msa biores_dad_hs biores_mom_hs fedminwageadj
recession i.year i.state3 i.occupation_code if race_eth !=2 & race_eth !=3 &
lntotincadj !=.& stateofresid!=., robust

242
243 * mixed effects model
244 mixed lntotincadj c.color##c.deviation_ht##female age hsgrad health weightpd i.
marital_status lnasvab_score lntotspincadj msa biores_dad_hs biores_mom_hs fedminwageadj
recession i.year i.state3 i.occupation_code if race_eth !=2 & race_eth !=3 &
stateofresid!=. || race_eth: || color:

245
246 * addition of share of Black population as additional control
247 reg lntotincadj c.color##c.deviation_ht##female white age hsgrad health weightpd i.
marital_status lnasvab_score lntotspincadj msa biores_dad_hs biores_mom_hs fedminwageadj
recession shareofblack i.year i.state3 i.occupation_code if race_eth !=2 & race_eth !=3
& stateofresid!=., robust

248
249
250
251 * Table 3: Additional test with "blurred" categorical color line - Pooled OLS regression
results*
252 * model 1
253 reg lntotincadj lightblack medblack darkblack deviation_ht female age hsgrad health
weightpd i.marital_status lnasvab_score lntotspincadj msa biores_dad_hs biores_mom_hs
fedminwageadj recession i.year i.state3 i.occupation_code if race_eth !=2 & race_eth !=3
& color!=.& stateofresid!=., robust

254
255 * model 2
256 reg lntotincadj lightblack##c.deviation_ht medblack##c.deviation_ht darkblack##c.
deviation_ht female age hsgrad health weightpd i.marital_status lnasvab_score lntotspincadj
msa biores_dad_hs biores_mom_hs fedminwageadj recession i.year i.state3 i.
occupation_code if race_eth !=2 & race_eth !=3 & color!=. & stateofresid!=., robust

257
258 * model 3
259 reg lntotincadj lightblack##c.deviation_ht##female medblack##c.deviation_ht##female
darkblack##c.deviation_ht##female age hsgrad health weightpd i.marital_status lnasvab_score
lntotspincadj msa biores_dad_hs biores_mom_hs fedminwageadj recession i.year i.state3 i
.occupation_code if race_eth !=2 & race_eth !=3 & color!=. & stateofresid!=., robust

260
261
262 * Table 4: Sub-group analysis by education, ability, and income*
263 * not a high school grad
264 reg lntotincadj c.color##c.deviation_ht##female white age health weightpd i.marital_status
lnasvab_score lntotspincadj msa biores_dad_hs biores_mom_hs fedminwageadj recession i.
year i.state3 i.occupation_code if hsgrad==0 & race_eth !=2 & race_eth !=3 &
stateofresid!=., robust

265
266 * high school grad
267 reg lntotincadj c.color##c.deviation_ht##female white age health weightpd i.marital_status
lnasvab_score lntotspincadj msa biores_dad_hs biores_mom_hs fedminwageadj recession i.
year i.state3 i.occupation_code if hsgrad==1 & race_eth !=2 & race_eth !=3 &
stateofresid!=., robust

268
269 * Dividing the ASVAB score into quartiles
270 xtile asvabquart = asvab_score if race_eth !=2 & race_eth !=3 & lntotincadj !=. & color
!=. & deviation_ht!=. & hsgrad !=. & health !=. & lnasvab_score !=. & lntotspincadj !=. &
marital_status !=. & msa!=. & stateofresid !=. & occupation_code !=. & biores_dad_hs !=.
& biores_mom_hs !=. & weightpd!=. & stateofresid!=., nq(4)

271
272 *xtile 1
273 reg lntotincadj c.color##c.deviation_ht##female white age hsgrad health weightpd i.
marital_status lntotspincadj msa biores_dad_hs biores_mom_hs fedminwageadj recession i.
year i.state3 i.occupation_code if asvabquart==1 & race_eth !=2 & race_eth !=3 &
stateofresid!=., robust

274
275 *xtile 4
276 reg lntotincadj c.color##c.deviation_ht##female white age hsgrad health weightpd i.
marital_status lntotspincadj msa biores_dad_hs biores_mom_hs fedminwageadj recession i.
year i.state3 i.occupation_code if asvabquart==4 & race_eth !=2 & race_eth !=3 &
stateofresid!=., robust

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277
278 *75th percentile of income
279 reg lntotincadj c.color##c.deviation_ht##female white age hsgrad health weightpd i.
marital_status lnasvab_score lntotspincadj msa biores_dad_hs biores_mom_hs fedminwageadj
recession i.year i.state3 i.occupation_code if race_eth !=2 & race_eth !=3 &
totincomeadj >=31246.6 & stateofresid!=., robust

280
281
282
283 * Figures - 1 and 2*
284 reg lntotincadj c.color##c.deviation_ht##female age hsgrad health weightpd marital2
lnasvab_score lntotspincadj biores_dad_hs biores_mom_hs fedminwageadj recession i.year i.
state3 i.occupation_code if race_eth !=2 & race_eth !=3 & stateofresid!=., robust

285
286 * female
287 margins, at(deviation_ht= (-24(10)24) color = (2(3)8) female=(1)) plot
288
289 * male
290 margins, at(deviation_ht= (-24(10)24) color = (2(3)8) female=(0)) plot
291
292
293 log close
294
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